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1. THE GDR USED VERY LITTLE OF THE INTERVIEW WITH DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY VINE IN ITS AUGUST 12 DOCUMENTARY ON CSCE. SHORT SEGEMENTS OF THE INTERVIEW MADE UP PART OF A 15 MINUTE REPORT ON HELSINKI COMPRISING THE SECOND OF THREE SUBJECTS TREATED IN THE GDR PROGRAM, "OBJEKTIV; AUSSENPOLITISCHE MAGAZIN". THE PROGRAM CARRIED ONLY VINE'S COMPLETE ANSWER TO THE FIRST QUESTION, "HOW DOES THE US SEE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE FOR PEACE AND DETENTE" AND LEFT THE OTHERS OUT ENTIRELY. ALSO INTERVIEWED FOR THE PROGRAM WERE SOVIET AND FINNISH OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH CSCE. VINE WHO APPEARED TWICE WAS IDENTIFIED ONLY ONCE BY SUBTITLE WHILE THE OTHERS WERE IDENTIFIED EACH TIME THEY APPEARED. WE FOUND NO ATTEMPT OTHERWISE TO PREJUDICE VINE'S PRE-TAPED INTERVIEW.

2. THE REMAINDER OF THE HELSINKI SEGEMENT GAVE THE STANDARD GDR LINE ON CSCE WITH A STRONGER EMPHASIS THAN USUAL ON INVOLABILITY OF BORDERS AND FRG "BORDER  
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PROVOCATIONS". FOOTAGE OF FOREIGN MAINISTER FISCHER IN

PARIS AND NORWEGIAN FON MIN FRYDENLUND IN EAST BERLIN CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION OF EXPANDING GDR CONTACTS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES, AND REFERENCES TO THE FACT THAT U.S. FILMS SUCH AS "THE STING" ARE CURRENTLY PLAYING IN THE GDR SUPPORTED THE USUAL CLAIMS THAT THE WEST, NOT THE EAST, HAS SOME CATCHING UP TO DO ON BASKET III ISSUES.

3. OTHER FEATURES OF THIS RAPIDLY-MOVING PROGRAM INCLUDED FOOTAGE ON THE HAMBURG POLICE BATTLING PROTESTERS AT THE NPD CONGRESS JULY 30 AND COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE U.S. DEFENCE BUDGET SHOWING AN INCREASE FROM 77.9 BILLION DOLLARS IN 1970 TO 106 BILLION DOLLARS IN 1976. THE PROGRAM ALSO SHOWED FOREIGN OBSERVERS INVITED TO WITNESS A SOVIET ARMY EXERCISE NEAR LENEINGRAD.

4. IN A SHORT FILMED INTERVIEW, GDR CSCE EXPERT DR. SIEGFRIED BOCK EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT DETENTE WOULD MOVE FORWARD AND THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF HELSINKI WOULD BE REALIZED IN SPITE OF A GROWING ANTIDETENTE MOOD IN SOME WESTERN CIRCLES. HE ARGUED THAT BELGRADE 1977 SHOULD NOT BE CONVERTED INTO A "COURT PROCEEDING", BUT RATHER SHOULD BE USED AS A FORUM TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES AND GIVE A NEW IMPULSE TO DETENTE. HE CONCLUDED THAT REALIZING THE PRINCIPLES OF HELSINKI WOULD BE A LONG AND COMPLICATED PROCESS, BUT THAT CONTINUED EFFORT AND PATIENCE WERE REQUIRED SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO ALTERNATIVE TO DETENTE.

5. COMMENT: THE GDR PRODUCTION WAS A SLICK PEICE OF PROPAGANDA PRESENTED IN RAPID-FIRE FASHION GWITH AN OFFICIAL IMPRIMATUR LENT BY BOCK'S PRESENCE. THE PROGRAM FIT WELL INTO THE GDR'S DOMESTIC PROPAGANDA EFFORT LEADING UP TO BELGRADE. POLANKSKY

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